

ON THREE APPARENTLY UNDESCRIBED BIRDS
FROM HENDERSON OR ELIZABETH ISLAND,
PAUMOTU GROUP.

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The Trustees have recently received from Mr. A. E. Stephen six birds, in spirits, collected by him on Henderson or Elizabeth Island, an outlier of the Paumotu Group or Low Archipelago, in the South Pacific, in September, 1907. They are referable to three species, which may be described as follows :—

CALLIPTILUS (?) *STEPHENI*, *sp. nov.*

Adult.—General colour above green; lower back, rump, and upper tail-coverts yellowish-green, light green around their tips; wings green, the inner webs and tips of primaries and the outer web of the first primary blackish-brown; tail feathers yellow, washed with green, which is more distinct on their outer webs, the basal portion of the inner web of the lateral feathers red; pileum green, with long and narrow paler green centres to the feathers; lores, cheeks, throat, fore-neck and breast red; on each side of the fore-neck is a patch of green which becomes narrower and extends downwards in a line towards the centre of the chest, where some of the feathers have a dull purplish wash; abdomen and thighs purplish-red tinged with violet, which is more distinct on the latter; under tail-coverts light green, their basal portion washed with yellow; under wing-coverts green, the inner ones red; "bill reddish-orange; legs, feet and iris reddish-orange" (Stephen). Total length, 8 inches; wing, 4·9; central tail feathers, 3·5; the outermost on either side 2·2; bill, 0·6; tarsus, 0·55.

Type.—In the Australian Museum.

Remarks.—The present species I have associated with the name of its discoverer, Mr. Alfred Ernest Stephen. Hitherto the genus *Calliptilus* has been represented by a single species, *C. solitarius*, inhabiting the Fiji Islands; but in assigning the present species to that genus, I am by no means certain that I